Colorado. Charlie loved politics, and he believed in a higher standard for those who hold the public's trust. His writing was steeped in the history of Colorado and the Nation, which helped make his columns touchstones in our political dialogue. Like many in this country, he was disappointed in recent years at the vitriol and extremism that has crept into our debates. He bemoaned the decline of respectful opposition. Colorado lost a wise voice with the passing of Charlie Roos. Many, including myself, lost a mentor. But we should use his example to remind ourselves that the American people deserve the best that we can give. Our actions will always be measured against the high bar he set.

I ask that my colleagues join me in remembering Charlie Roos for his passion for reporting, his political wisdom and his dedication to Colorado. He will be missed.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 11:25 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 185. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the "Paul Brown United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2251. An act to designate the United States courthouse and Federal building located at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the "Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse and Federal Building".

H.R. 3588. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. Leahy).

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 4:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

H.R. 1402. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 59. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill and joint resolution were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 1859. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

S. 1881. A bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3962. A communication from the Director, Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prior Label Approval System: Generic Label Approval" (RIN0583-AC59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3963. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additive Regulations; Incorporation by Reference of the Food Chemicals Codex, 7th Edition" (Docket No. FDA-2010-F-0320) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3964. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9904-04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3965. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmiting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endothall; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9902-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3966. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tall Oil, Polymer with Polyethylene Glycol and Succinic Anhydride Monopolyisobutylene derivs.; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9903-19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3967. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandipropamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9903-57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on Decem-

ber 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3968. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indoxacarb; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9903-92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3969. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13405 with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3970. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3971. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Risk Management Initatives: New Manual Underwriting Requirements" (RIN2502-AJ07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

EC-3972. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Mortgage Definition for HUD Insured and Guaranteed Single Family Mortgages" (RIN2502-AJ18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3973. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards" (RIN2502-AI71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3974. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electric Reliability Organization Proposal to Retire Requirements in Reliability Standards" (Docket No. RM13-8-000) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3975. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-2-Contingency Reserve" (Docket No. RM13-13-000) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3976. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Oregon; Revised Format of 40 CFR Part 52 for Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9900-70-

Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

EC-3977. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disapproval, Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Wyoming" (FRL No. 9903-58-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3978. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmiting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration for Particulate Matter Less Than 2.5 Micrometers-Significant Impact Levels and Significant Monitoring Concentration: Removal of Vacated Elements" (FRL No. 9903-84-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3979. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; State Boards Requirements" (FRL No. 9903-78-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3980. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmiting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Final Approval of Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerator Negative Declaration for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Michigan and Wisconsin" (FRL No. 9903–33–Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3981. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Volatile Organic Compound Emission Conrol Measures for Industrial Solvent Cleaning for Northwest Indiana" (FRL No. 9904-35-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

EC-3982. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina; Transportation Conformity Memorandum of Agreement Update" (FRL No. 9904-43-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3983. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Indiana State Board Requirements" (FRL No. 9904–36-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3984. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmiting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Public Participation for Air Quality Permit Applications" (FRL No. 9904-03-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3985. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Standard Mileage Rates" (Notice 2013–80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3986. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 3504 Agent Employment Tax Liability" (RIN1545-BI21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3987. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Medicare Competitive Acquisition Ombudsman's 2011 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3988. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-132); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3989. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-141); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3990. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-129); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3991. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-168); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3992. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Australia Group; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3993. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Continued Implementation of Export Control Reform; Correction" (RIN1400-AD40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3994. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0200-2013-0201); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3995. A communication from the General Counsel, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chairperson, National Endowment for Hu-

manities, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3996. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Use of Mandatory Recall Authority Submitted Pursuant to Section 206 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3997. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicaid Incentives for Prevention of Chronic Diseases Evaluation"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3998. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

EC-3999. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4000. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-up for the period of April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4001. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4002. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer/Acting Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4003. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the District Department of Transportation's H Street Shuttle Grant Awards Issued in Fiscal Years 2008 and 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4004. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2013 Agency Financial Report for the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4005. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4006. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4007. A communication from the General Attorney, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Hand-Held Infant Carriers" (CPSC

Docket No. CPSC-2012-0068) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4008. A communication from the Chairperson, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4009. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4010. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4011. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Refugee Resettlement Program for Fiscal Year 2011"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4012. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) address for the Department of Veterans Affairs 2013 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4013. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the deployment of certain U.S. forces to South Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-160. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida supporting the efforts of the Florida U.S. Congressional delegation to delay the effective date of the 2012 Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-161. A resolution adopted by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission entitled "Recognition of State Regulation of Hydraulic Fracturing"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-162. A resolution adopted by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission supporting the reporting of chemicals intentionally used for hydraulic fracturing; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-163. A resolution adopted by the American St. Regis Indian Republic Men's Counsel memorializing the exercising of the Counsel's sovereign will and protecting all aspects of its future; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-164. A resolution adopted by the Caddo Bossier Port Commission, Shreveport, Louisiana relative to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintaining the J. Bennett Johnston/Red River Waterway at a 9 ft. channel and 24/7/365 lock and dam operations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-165. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission supporting

the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1376. A bill to improve the Federal Housing Administration and to ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113–129).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with a preamble:

S. Res. 157. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (Rept. No. 113–130).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary with amendments:

S. 975. A bill to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009.

From the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1417. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 1491. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve United States-Israel energy cooperation, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 1719. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 1870. An original bill to reauthorize and restructure adoption incentive payments, to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, to increase the reliability of child support for children, and for other purposes.

S. 1871. An original bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate formula and to improve beneficiary access under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted on December 19, 2012:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Peter Joseph Kadzik, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Gary Blankinship, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Robert L. Hobbs, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. REID:

S. 1859. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1860. A bill to reform the medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, enhance access to affordable prescription drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 1861. A bill to save taxpayer money and end bailouts of financial institutions by providing for a process to allow financial institutions to go bankrupt; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1862. A bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1863. A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a continuing medical education program for licensed medical professionals to increase knowledge and recognition of medical conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1864. A bill to require a demonstration program on the accession as Air Force officers of candidates with auditory impairments; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr.

Coons, Mr. Baucus, and Mr. Tester): S. 1865. A bill to amend the prices set for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1866. A bill to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1867. A bill to provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. ROB-ERTS Mr. SCHATZ and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1868. A bill to provide for the conversion of temporary judgeships for the districts of Hawaii and Kansas to permanent judgeships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Gra-HAM, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1869. A bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62,